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*Via Email*

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**RE: Request for Investigation re Corby project (Docket No. 24-OPT-5)**

Dear Ms. Geller:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your Request for Investigation, submitted to the California Energy Commission (CEC) on September 14, 2026, and supplemental request filed on September 16, 2026. Your request under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1231, seeks an independent investigation and executive-level review of the preparation, technical review, quality-control processes, consideration of contrary evidence, and alternatives analysis underlying the Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project, Docket No. 24-OPT-05.

The Corby project remains an active proceeding and assigned technical staff are still completing the environmental review. The public comment period on the DEIR closed on September 14, 2026, and staff must now review the hundreds of comments submitted by members of the public and public agencies. Many of the issues noted in your request were also raised in those comments. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff will update the Staff Assessment as needed and prepare responses to all comments that raise significant environmental issues, as required by CEQA Guidelines section 15088.

Because the CEQA review process is still underway, initiating an independent investigation into alleged deficiencies or errors in the drafting of the DEIR would be premature. This is especially the case given that the purpose of public review is to identify potential errors or deficiencies in the DEIR allowing an agency to amend the environmental document. In addition, CEQA already provides a formal mechanism for public inquiry into the assumptions and conclusions in the DEIR through the public comment and response-to-comment process, which is an essential part of CEQA.

However, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1232, and in recognition of the detailed concerns you have shared, I am directing staff to consider the issues raised in your Request for Investigation as they continue with

the CEQA review process for the Corby project and update the environmental analysis as appropriate. As you may be aware, the CEC posted to the docket a notice that certain portions of the staff assessment will be updated and recirculated for comment, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25545.7.6(b).

For questions regarding the Corby project please contact the project manager, Renee Longman at renee.longman@energy.ca.gov. Thank you for your continued participation in the proceeding.

Sincerely,



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